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SUBJ: JAMAICAN HIGH COMMISSION CIRCULARIZES EXCHANGE OF
NOTES ON CUBA BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND GOJ MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF APRIL 18 NOTE FROM JAMAICAN
HIGH COMMISSION IN NASSAU CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF NOTES
ON CUBA BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND GOJ FOREIGN MINISTER
PATTERSON:

"THE JAMAICAN HIGH COMMISSION PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE
EMBASSY CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN
U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE AND JAMAICA MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS P. J. PATTERSON ABOUT THE TALKS NOW
IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CUBA.

"SECRETARY VANCE'S MESSAGE

"WE WILL SHORTLY ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THAT U.S.
REPRESENTATIVES HAVE JUST MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. OUR GOVERNMENT HAD PREVIOUSLY
INDICATED THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO
A CUBAN INITIATIVE THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN OUR TWO
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COUNTRIES ON THE U.S. LAW ESTABLISHING A 200 MILE FISHERIES
CONSERVATION ZONE ON MARCH 1. IN THE TALKS, WE WILL ALSO
INFORM THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES WISHES
TO DISCUSS OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES.

"THE ISSUES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA

ARE COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT
AT THIS TIME THE OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS."

MINISTER PATTERSON'S REPLY

"JAMAICA HAS RECEIVED WITH PLEASURE THE ANNOUNCEMENT
OF A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA.

"IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. WE
BELIEVE THAT THIS CAN CONTRIBUTE IN A GREAT MEASURE TO
ESTABLISHING AN ATMOSPHERE OF NORMALCY AND FULL COOPERATION
WITHIN OUR HEMISPHERE.

"WE SHALL FOLLOW THE DISCUSSIONS WITH GREAT INTEREST
AND HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL."

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. NASSAU, BAHAMAS APRIL 18, 1977.
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